

**Section I. (Amendments to the Specification)**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, please insert below the title, and before the first paragraph, the following new paragraph:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §371 and claims the benefit of priority of International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/010889 filed September 29, 2004, which in turn claims priority of German Patent Application No. 103 49 162.7 filed October 22, 2003. The disclosures of said applications are hereby incorporated herein by reference in their respective entireties.